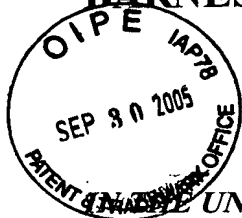


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2005, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks. No shortened statutory period for response was identified in the instant Office Action. Applicants believe that no extension fees are required in connection with the instant response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees due in connection with this response to Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 834460-68474.